



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas A. Bontems)
Serial No.: 09/992,112) Ex: GANEY
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For: NOZZLE COUPLING)

RESPONSE, AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed 18 June 2003 in the above identified case. A shortened statutory period for response was set for 3 months, up to and including 18 September 2003. A request for a one-month extension of time and the required fee, to and including 18 October 2003, is included herewith.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.